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ORIGIN

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I. SOVIET PLANS:

1. The Soviets are reported to be preparing the reactivation of the Confrerie de la Verite Russe in France and other countries. While concealing their interest in the new organization, they will use it as a pretext to attract anti-Bolshevik elements into a crusade to avenge the death of Peter Nikolaevich Krasnov, Ataman General of the Don, who was its former leader. This maneuver has been planned so as to attract to the organization the most active anti-Bolshevik elements of the emigration. Soviet-controlled leaders are to assign tasks requiring agents to "infiltrate clandestinely" into the USSR where they will be liquidated.
2. The next step will be to compromise the organization abroad, according to the Soviet plans reported by source. This will be done, source suggests, by performing an "act of terrorism" against an official representative of the Soviet in Western Europe. This action will be attributed to the Confrerie and will implicate the best elements of the Russian emigration.

II. HISTORY OF THE CONFRERIE:

For a better understanding of the new development, source reports the following background information on the Confrerie:

3. In 1924-25, Confrerie de la Verite Russe (CVR), a secret organization, was founded at Seon Castle, belonging to Duke George Leuchtenberg de Beauharnais (sic), who now is deceased. General Krasnov was one of the founders. Members of this organization took a number and a nom de guerre and agreed to fight the Soviets. As the organization grew in

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strength, it directed the guerrilla operations of anti-Soviet Partisans in White Russia against low-ranking Communist officials.

4. The Soviet authorities counter-attacked on two fronts. They conducted open warfare against the Partisans in White Russia and they introduced agents into the ranks of the Confrerie to undermine the organization. After several years their infiltration of the group was successful. A certain Kolberg, Brother No. 7 of the organization and one of its leaders, was unmasked as a Soviet agent.
5. From this discovery it was learned that several members of the Confrerie had been killed as a result of his work. The organization, consequently, became inactive during 1934 and 1935 except for the limited work of a few sympathizers who were among the emigration.
6. Anti-Soviet emigres are convinced that General Krasnov had no alliance with Kolberg whom he fought consistently.

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describes the Soviet use of separatist and anti-Communist international organizations to create confusion regarding the internal situation of the USSR.

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describes the Confrerie de la Verite Russe as a Soviet-inspired organization under the leadership of Ataman General Krasnov, whose aim is to control the General Staffs of Germany, Poland, and neighboring countries.

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